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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 23, 1918.



Then join in hands, brave Americans all,
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

RED CROSS AS AN EDUCATOR.

WOUNDED Americans, starving Rumanians, Serbians and Belgians, despairing prisoners in German stockades are not the only beneficiaries of the Red Cross. Well fed, comfortable and all too tranquil minded people here at home in the United States are also being benefited by their contact with this great organization. Their sympathies are being quickened, their intellects stimulated and their interests broadened to such an extent that this will be a less insular and self centered country in the future. A writer in the New Republic of last week develops this thought in the following way:

The value of the Red Cross to the American nation is not measured merely by the assistance which it is rendering to the official war machine. The propaganda which it has been conducting throughout the country and its extraordinary success in securing popular support has formed one of the two or three most compelling causes of the increased moral union of the American people in respect to the war. Its propaganda has had the peculiar value of emphasizing the more positive and human aspects of war service. It has fastened the minds of everyone, participating in the Red Cross organization or contributing to it, on the intelligent performance of a colossal social task. It has been forming out of a considerable portion of the American people a voluntary cooperative society for preventing the war from inflicting any more suffering than could be helped on our soldiers and on the soldiers and civilians of France and Italy. Thus it affords civilian patriotic feeling an immediate and a wholesome outlet in essentially philanthropic work, and so converts it into a valuable preparation for the healing ministrations of peace. It is perhaps the most salutary existing expression of that better nationalism which is not easy to keep alive in the poisonous atmosphere of war, and which whether in war or in peace constitutes the formative and binding influence in American life.

There were many traits of American character as it existed before the war drew us into its meshes which we are not going to be proud of when it is all over and we have time to sit down and calmly think it all over. But we are changing rapidly and the Red Cross is helping mightily. The wise man and woman who expects to maintain the same relative station in the after-the-war world will get as close to the Red Cross and its broadening and humanizing influence as possible. Counterfeit characters and social misfits are not going to cut much of a figure for the next decade or two in this country.

FULL LIVES.

THIRTY-NINE of them will attend, said the reporter who wrote yesterday's story about the Grand Army of the Republic's preparations for the annual memorial sermon. The ranks certainly are thinning. Do not be alarmed; we are not going to bore either the reader or the veterans themselves by indulging in cloying sentimentality. Even heroes are but men and must pay nature's debt like other mortals. And they know it.

RUFF STUFF

Well, the W W's won.

Must have been an awful shock in the Astonisher office, that announcement.

Night editor put the story about it in the wrong column.

But the public took the great surprise very calmly.

However if the public wasn't exactly taken unawares that does not make it certain that the incident lacked the element of surprise.

The chances are that the politicians were painfully jolted by the form C W's announcement took.

They got him into the race, but they must see to it that he gets the nomination.

With his hale of long green, of course.

But it is going to be some shindy at that.

Smooth Guy Chilton vs. Gum Shoe Shaver.

Let of Demmies will be looking themselves to death.

around for cyclone cellars before it is over.

Well, have you kicked in for the Red Cross yet?

If you think there is any danger the workers will miss you just drop around to headquarters.

That shop has one of the widest open entrances in the burg.

Government is going to take a hand in making gamblers and other parasites go to work, news from Washington today says.

All men must work at useful occupations.

Wonder if that applies to cops and other peace officers who do not enforce the laws?

All guys with jobs had better work at them.

And all guys who have no jobs had better get one.

The army plan for supplying tobacco in the regular ration has been announced.

Each man will get enough makings to make about four cigars a day.

Mercy, the poor lads will smoke themselves to death.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Senator W. E. Chilton deplors the absence of authority to make a platform for the Democratic party but Boyd Jarrell, of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch makes the point that Senator Chilton makes his own platform, brief and to the point:

"I would like to have another term in the senate."

Paul Hubbell, who now lives at Bartlesville, Okla., formerly ran a store at Farmington and he took the measure of some narrow West Virginians, very effectively, saying:

"They can't see over the hills."

Ex-Governor A. B. Fleming did not join in the community singing at the Presbyterian church last night and explained to a friend:

"I don't know the tune of any thing—not even Old Hundred."

COL C.W. WATSON OUT FOR THE SENATE

Will Stick to Army and
and Friends Must Man-
age Campaign.

The long expected announcement of the candidacy of C. W. Watson for the Democratic nomination for United States senator was made last night. A special from Washington to The Times saying that Colonel Watson would make the race contained the following statement by the aspirant:

"I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator because I believe I will be nominated and elected. In deciding to enter this contest I have gone over the situation in West Virginia and my announcement is made in response to requests from Democrats in every station of the state.

"My campaign for the nomination will be left almost wholly in the hands of my friends. My present duties consume all my time and it is my intention to remain in the army until, if elected, the term begins, March 4.

"Without going into details as to my platform, I desire to emphasize that the war must be prosecuted to a successful conclusion regardless of the cost. The President shall have my whole hearted support and I shall stand directly with him in all war measures.

"I believe my experience would be of benefit to the country in the consideration of war measures in the Senate and I believe this experience would be especially beneficial in the days of reconstruction.

"West Virginia will be a pivotal state in the election this year and a Democrat must be elected to the Senate. The whole Allied world is looking to this country for the satisfactory and successful conclusion of the war and to accomplish this great purpose the President must be unreservedly supported. To do this it is extremely important that a Democrat be elected to succeed Senator Boone.

MAKE SOLDIERS OF ROOKIES IN HURRY

All Records for Military
Training Being Broken
in U. S.

By J. R. GROVE

It takes a third less time to train an American soldier now than it did last year.

Uncle Sam is making soldiers out of raw selective service men in six months. It used to take from eight to nine months and at some cantonments even longer.

It is confidently predicted that before this year is over soldiers will be turned out, ready for the finishing touches in France, in three months.

No other country has ever manufactured such well trained troops in so short a time.

Thirty-three per cent. of the time has already been cut off the drafted men's training period. This may be reduced another 50 per cent.

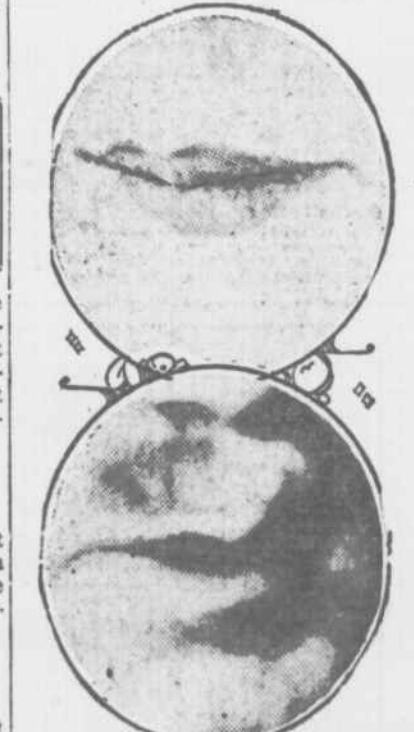
Surely the "hurry!" call for "Over There" has been heard. And the men are not being sent over half trained. This extraordinary speed is due to the fact that every training camp is so well equipped in every way that the men now can get the full course of training in two-thirds of the time their brothers needed last fall and winter.

I have spent most of my days since the first selective service men were called in training camps. I have watched the gradual speeding up in training.

When I first went down the men found training grounds but half ready. Guns, bayonets, ammunition were for them. There were no rifle ranges. Guns, bayonets, ammunition were lacking. Uniforms were few and far between. There was a shortage of officers. Ambulances, trucks, medical supplies and doctors were lacking.

In those days last fall men often

WHICH LIPS KISSED FIRST?



Above the lips of Miss Grace Lusk, on trial in Waukesha, Wis., for killing the wife of Dr. George Roberts, with whom she was infatuated and with whom she made trips to hotels in other cities. Dr. Roberts' lips are below. The question of who was the kisser and who the kissee when the firstkisses passed between them, has arisen at the trial. The doctor said he couldn't remember. Miss Lusk's testimony on the point is awaited with great interest in Waukesha.

May 23rd, 1918.

COURTNEYS' STORE NEWS

Reliable Advertising

A Group of Distinctive Dresses That Are Marvels for Value



Women are busily attending to our war work and find they have need for new clothes for their unusual work. When the days duties are over they take delightful relief in wearing frocks of charming femininity. Simple as they are—these Dresses of today, they are full of distinction and winsomeness. Many feature new skirt draperies; others limit their novelness to sleeves and striking collars and cuffs. There are one-piece affairs of quiet charm with girdled effects. Materials are exceptional in quality; colorings are those most in favor for summer wear.

No woman in need of new additions to her wardrobe can afford to overlook such offerings as these.

\$13.50 to \$35.00.

Answer the Call of the RED CROSS

Remember our boys at the front fighting for our homes and our liberty.

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The Magic of these RAWAK Pattern Hats



Is Doubly Attractive at


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Here is the List Complete

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| 2 Patterns, Formerly \$15.00 now \$10.75 |
| 1 Pattern, Formerly \$16.50 now \$11.75 |
| 1 Pattern, Formerly \$13.50 now \$10.75 |
| 1 Pattern, Formerly \$12.50 now \$ 9.75 |
| 1 Pattern, Formerly \$12.00 now \$ 9.75 |
| 1 Pattern, Formerly \$ 9.75 now \$ 7.50 |
| 1 Pattern, Formerly \$ 7.50 now \$ 5.50 |


Also a \$37.50 set—consisting of hat, bag and parasol—now only \$25.00.

When you realize the prevailing lowness of all of our original prices, then you will know what wonderful values these Specials constitute.



THREE CROSSES

By Edmund Vance Cooke



The iron cross is black as death and hard as human hate;
The wooden cross is white and still and whispers us "Too late,"
But the Red Cross sings of life and love and hearts regenerate.

The iron cross is a boastful cross and marks a war-mad slave;
The wooden cross is a dumb, dead cross and guards a shallow grave,
But the Red Cross reaches out its arms to solace and to save.

The iron cross is a kaiser's cross and narrow is its clan;
The wooden cross is a soldier's cross and mourns its partisan,
But the Red Cross is the cross of One who served His fellow-men.

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lived in their overalls and derby hats for weeks.

Today they slide into uniforms the day after they strike camp.

Then they drilled with broomsticks. Now a gun is shoved into their hands within 48 hours. Artillery and horses were nowhere. Today they are everywhere.

The men had to help with cantonment work, grading, digging, getting things ready for themselves. Now everything is ready for them. They hop right to the rifle range and go to it. Last fall they lost valuable time to shoot because of the lack of range and rifle.

Now the newcomers look like soldiers in a week. It's hard for the visitor to tell the difference. Often I can only distinguish between the rookies and regulars by listening for that 1-2-3-4 count the newly made soldier always uses and the regular never.

There is a plentiful supply of non-coms, who can take a bunch of clerks and farmers in hand and work wonders with them.

In some instances men drilled for weeks without touching a bayonet. Now they get that Hun stabber just as soon as they climb into khaki.

Then men got sick and sick men didn't recover so quickly, all because the hospital equipment wasn't what it is today. Those men lost valuable time. Today fewer are ill and those who are get such fine care that they get on their feet in a shorter time.

I am sure that every man in camp is 100 per cent better equipped to take care of the ill.

Further speeding up is done by night hikes, something new in the way of training.

Men who go to camps in June will be ready for France on New Year's day.

PHAROAH'S RUN

Last night at Pharaoh's Run a meeting was held in the school house for the purpose of rejuvenating the farmers' club of that community. Sixteen farmers were present and it was decided to live up to the organization. Addresses were delivered by W. E. McComas, county farm agent, W. E.

Tomblyn, superintendent of the Paw Paw district schools, and Miss Blanche E. Price, county home demonstration agent.

DOING THEIR DUTY

SCORES OF FAIRMONT READERS
ARE LEARNING THE DUTY
OF THE KIDNEYS.

To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.

When they fail to do this the kidneys are weak.

Backache and other kidney ills may follow.

Help the kidneys do their work.

Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the tested kidney remedy.

Fairmont people endorse their worth.

Mrs. C. G. Bradshaw, 413 Merchant St., Fairmont, says: "I felt tired and languid in the morning and I suffered with dizzy headaches. My back was weak and ached in a dull, tiring way. My kidneys acted too freely, also. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the Hall Drug Store, and they relieved me of all symptoms of kidney trouble."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bradshaw had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sharran, of Gaston avenue, are the proud parents of a big baby boy.

Housecleaning Big Helps at Little Costs

Housecleaning without the drudgery is important to the one who does the work. Backache is not to be desired when it can be avoided. Numerous little labor saving, pain preventing, trouble denying housecleaning helps are offered at our store. Things for cleaning, polishing, refurbishing and refinishing. Disinfectants for sanitary cleanliness, insect destroyers to rid the house of pests, soaps and scrubbers and things to scrub with, galore.

CRANE'S Drug Store

The Golden Rule Our Daily Rule

We not only believe in the "Golden" rule but make it our daily rule to exercise the utmost courtesy in the transaction of business—making it satisfactory and pleasant to deal with this strong, obliging bank.

Accounts subject to check are solicited.

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